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12 June 2003

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Senate Committee on Armed Services Report 105-189 directed that a status report be provided for Promotion Selection Board Reports that exceed 100 days in their processing.

Processing the FY-04 Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board Report exceeded 100 days on May 29, 2003. The Board Report's processing was slowed while review and processing of investigative file checks were completed.

The FY-04 Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board Report was forwarded to the Department of Defense for approval by the President on June 6, 2003. I will submit a report every 30 days until the promotion selection board is approved.

A similar letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hansford T. Johnson".

Hansford T. Johnson
Secretary of the Navy
Acting

Copy to:
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member

**REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES OF THE SENATE AND
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROCESSING OF REPORTS OF PROMOTION
BOARDS**

This report is submitted in compliance with the direction provided to the service secretaries in the Committee on Armed Services Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1999 Report dated 11 May 1998.

The committee remains concerned regarding the length of time some services require to process the report of a promotion board. This report will detail the processing of the FY-04 Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board that currently exceeds the 100 day limit established by the committee report and therefore requires the following: an explanation for the delay; an assessment of when the board report will be approved; and an accounting for the processing time in each office through which the board report has passed to this point.

EXPLANATION FOR THE DELAY:

Collection and analysis of adverse and alleged adverse information has had a significant impact on the processing of the promotion selection board report and the subsequent release of selectee information. The implementation of this post board screening process began with the FY-97 promotion selection boards and adds approximately six weeks to the process.

In addition to the above analysis the Reserve Officer Program Management Act (ROPMA), became effective 1 October 1996 and this was first implemented for FY-98 promotion selection boards. This modification to Title 10 U.S.C. brought reserve personnel management more closely in line with active component personnel policies; however, this act added additional time to the promotion selection process by removing the Secretary of the Navy's delegated approval authority. Prior to ROPMA, the service secretary approved and released the results of reserve officer promotion selection boards. When this approval authority changed, Secretary of Defense recommendations were re-inserted into the process. This added approximately another four to eight weeks to the approval process.

ASSESSMENT OF WHEN THE BOARD REPORTS WILL BE APPROVED:

The FY-04 Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board is currently at the office of the Secretary of Defense. The board arrived there on 6 June 2003. The Secretary of Defense takes approximately three to six weeks to process a report. Following DoD review and approval, it will be routed to the White House for final action.

The best estimate for final approval of this report is mid to late July 2003.

ACCOUNTING FOR PROCESSING TIME:

The following amplifying information is provided to account for the processing time of the board report in each office through which the board report passed.

FY-04 Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff Corps Promotion Selection Board adjourned 17 February 2003.

17 February - 13 March. CNP prepares board report.

17 February - 6 April. Awaiting results of adverse or alleged adverse information from NCIS and NIG.

14 March - 24 March. OJAG conducts review of board report.

25 March - 27 March - Director, Naval Reserve reviews.

27 March - 1 April - VCNO reviews board report.

2 April - 4 April - CNO reviews board report.

4 April - 23 April - Board report held awaiting final Adverse Information Memorandum for CNO review.

23 April - 21 May - CNO and VCNO conduct extensive analysis of adverse and alleged adverse information. Additionally, significant analysis and process review was conducted regarding the collection and reporting of adverse and alleged information for all selection boards.

22 May - 6 June. SECNAV conducts review of board report and forwards.

6 June - present. The selection board report is pending with the Secretary of Defense.